



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Holiday Safety Campaign Delivers Results

Sheriff Rick Staly authorized increased traffic patrols and DUI enforcement for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The focus was on the safety of the community, and to deter drunk driving, speeding, aggressive driving, and crimes of opportunity.

During the enforcement campaign that ran from December 13th through the 31st, Flagler County Sheriff's deputies conducted 1,249 traffic stops and made nine arrests for driving under the influence. There were three traffic fatalities in Flagler County during this time.

The Motor Unit ran speed enforcement operations with the assistance of the Grinch and Santa Claus. Patrol deputies and the Bike Unit monitored high traffic areas as well as businesses. DUI units were out each weekend through New Year's Eve in attempts to prevent or deter drunk driving. The Sheriff-taxi car was on display along with message boards that read "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."



The Grinch (left) and Santa Claus (right) assisting the FCSO Motor Unit with speed enforcement.

"Overall the holidays remained merry and bright in Flagler County," Sheriff Staly said. "I think having bike units patrol shopping centers and having a high level of visibility county-wide helped keep the holiday season safe. Unfortunately some people still chose to drink and drive and they got a ride to the Green Roof Inn."

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